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Board of Prison Commissioners:

You are all aware of the issues regarding ACORN. Please find below a few details prior to the Board meeting for your information.

One of our inmates found ACORN during his job search, applied, was hired and was told they were hiring. He went back to Choices, our contractor, with that information. Choices followed up with ACORN indicating that these were ex-offenders. At this time, I'm told, they thought the inmates would be doing surveys, not voter registration.

A total of 59 inmates were hired by ACORN. One was terminated for failing to meet quotas. None for registration fraud. On July 31, Deputy Director was made aware of the actual activities in a meeting with reentry staff. He contacted the Attorney General's office, was informed that inmates couldn't perform these tasks and immediately had Choices terminate all involvement with ACORN.

We did not have any knowledge of any fraud until contacted by the Secretary of State's investigators. At that time it had been over two months since we terminated employment of our offenders.

I continue to believe the Department acted in a responsible fashion. Perhaps we should have been more vigilant when so many of our people were hired, but there was never any indication of problems brought to DOC management prior to 7/31/08.

I'll be glad to discuss this further at the meeting if you so desire.

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